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Dear John:

In your November 11, 1991 letter you asked for any additional comments I might have on the Examiner's present reasons for rejecting the application.

Please note my November 14, 1991 letter to you in PM-1267 CIP European for substantive comments.

Additionally, it appears that the Examiner does not appreciate the single step nature of the process described in the application as opposed to the multi-step nature of Roselius. The mere recitation of sulfuric acid in Roselius -- in one of three independent steps -- does not create a sustainable objection because the solvent going to the entrainment vessel in Roselius has different components in it than in the claimed process. Specifically, Roselius removes the "aroma constituents" before extraction with the solvent, thus, the solvent going to vessel 18 in the second stage does not face the same circumstances as in the present invention.

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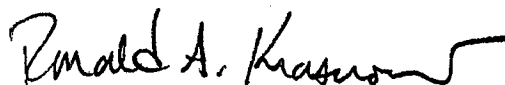
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Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,



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